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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Masahiro NAWA, et al.

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EXAMINER:

FOR: ZrO₂-Al₂O₃ COMPOSITE CERAMIC MATERIAL AND PRODUCTION METHOD THEREOF

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.97

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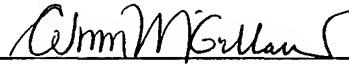
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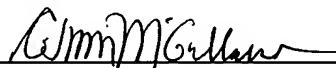
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	AA	5,728,636	03/17/98	Masahiro NAWA, et al.			
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STATEMENT OF RELEVANCY

Reference AA (5,728,636) on Form PTO-1449:

This reference is mentioned in the specification.

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